

REMARKS

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW:

In a telephone interview on March 13, 2006, Applicants' attorney spoke with Examiner Janis L. Dote, and it was agreed that the February 17, 2006 Office Action, page 2, which recited that the "Amendment to the claims" section filed on Jun. 8, 2005 does not comply..." should be corrected to recite "the 'Amendment to the claims' section filed on January 11, 2006 does not comply..."

CORRECTION OF CLAIM 9 IN RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT:

Enclosed above is the corrected "Amendment to the claims" section titled "IN THE CLAIMS" as required by the Examiner to replace the "Amendment to the claims" section filed on January 11, 2006. There was no intention to amend claim 9, which had been allowed. Though an amendment to claim 9 was considered by Applicants' attorney, no change to claim 9 was to be made. Apparently, instead of actuating the "do not accept change" button, inadvertently, the "accept change" button was actuated, changing claim 9, which was not the desired result. Hence, claim 9 has been corrected to the allowed form recited in the Amendment filed November 30, 2005 and allowed in the Office Action mailed December 14, 2005. The enclosed "IN THE CLAIMS" section is a corrected replacement section showing corrected claim 9. Applicants' attorney regrets the error.

Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out the inadvertent error in claim 9.

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 9 has been corrected. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-16, and 21-24 are pending and under consideration. Claims 9, 11, 12, 15 and 23 have been allowed.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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